

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SETA SAAD and CHRISTIAN E. SAAD,
individually and as representatives of the Estate
Plaintiff(s).

No. C 08-0053-MEJ

GUIDANT CORPORATION, et al.

Defendant(s).

**DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE
A MAGISTRATE JUDGE
AND
REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The undersigned party hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

Dated: January 7, 2008

Sara J. Romang

Signature

Counsel for Defendant Guidant Corporation
(Plaintiff, Defendant, or indicate "pro se")